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SUMMARY. UNCTAD TDB CONTACT COMMITTEE WORKED OUT DURING AN AUG 11 MEETING A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING ACCEPTABLE TO GROUP OF 77 AND TO ALL GROUP B COUNTRIES WITH POSSIBLE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION OF U.S. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS AT END.

1. BACKGROUND: GROUP OF 77 HAD MADE CLEAR THAT IT INTENDED PRESS STRONGLY FOR PASSAGE RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT AT CURRENT TDB SESSION AND IN RETURN WAS WILLING DEFER FINAL ACTION ON OTHER COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURERS UNAGREED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. AS INDICATION OF ITS SERIOUSNESS, GROUP OF 77 PROPOSED ON ITS OWN TO SUBSTITUTE A SECRETARIAT STUDY FOR THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CALLED FOR IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFT OF RESOLUTION. AGAINST
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THIS BACKGROUND, THERE WAS UNANIMOUS FEELING IN GROUP

B CONTACT GROUP THAT WE SHOULD SERIOUSLY TRY TO
WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL
RESTRUCTURING AT THIS SESSION.

2. U.S. STATED IN GROUP B CONTACT GROUP OUR PROBLEMS
WITH RESOLUTION'S REFERENCE TO INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION
ARRANGEMENTS. ALL OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES
BELIEVED THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF SUCH REFERENCES
NOT FEASIBLE, BUT AGREED SOME WATERING DOWN MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE AND SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED. NO OTHER GROUP B
COUNTRY FELT STRONGLY ABOUT THIS. MAIN OTHER POINTS
CONTAINED REFTEL B ACCEPTED BY GROUP B. OUR PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVE APART FROM INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION REFERENCES
--AVOIDING ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP OF EXPERTS -- HAD
OF COURSE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY GROUP OF 77 PROPOSAL
THAT SECRETARIAT STUDY BE SUBSTITUTED.

3. CONTACT COMMITTEE SESSION AT WHICH COMPROMISE DRAFT
WAS WORKED OUT WAS BUSINESSLIKE AND NON-CONTENTIOUS.
CLEARLY ITS PRODUCT IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO 77 AND
ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP B. DRAFT POSES PROBLEM FOR
U.S. ONLY IN ITS REFERENCE TO INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION
ARRANGEMENTS IN OPERATIVE PARA 1 -- ALL OTHER KEY
MODIFICATIONS SOUGHT BY U.S. WERE ACHIEVED. IN DEFERENCE
U.S. DEL'S WISH CONSULT WASH BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON
RESOLUTION, GROUP B SPOKESMAN ASKED THAT FINAL
CONTACT GROUP ACTION ON RESOLUTION BE DEFERRED
UNTIL AUGUST 14.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS. RESOLUTION IN PRESENT FORM IS
MUCH IMPROVED FROM U.S. AND DEVELOPED COUNTRY
STANDPOINT, AND ONE WHICH ON BALANCE DEL BELIEVES
WE CAN GO ALONG WITH. DRAFT MERELY RECOGNIZES THAT
INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS COULD REPEAT
COULD PLAY ROLE IN DIVERSIFYING AND EXPANDING LDC
PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AND EXPORTS, AND CALLS FOR SEC-
CRETARIAT STUDY CONCERNING APPROPRIATE REPEAT APPROPRIATE
ARRANGEMENTS IN FIELD. SECRETARIAT STUDY WILL OF
COURSE BY SUBJECT EXAMINATION AND DISCUSSION IN UNCTAD
COMMITTEES AFTER IT PREPARED. SUCH REPORT IN NO WAY
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COMMITTS U.S. OR ANY OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY TO EVEN
TRY TO PERSUADE ITS INDUSTRIES TO ENTER INTO ANY SUCH
ARRANGEMENT. GENERAL VIEW OF OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES,
WHICH HAVE SAME BASIC ATTITUDES AS WE ON SUBSTANCE OF
INDUSTRIAL RE-STRUCTURING, IS THAT PROPOSAL IN PRESENT
FORM IS INNOCUOUS. WE WILL HAVE NO SUPPORT FROM
ANY GROUP B COUNTRY IF WE OPPOSE RESOLUTION OR ABSTAIN.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY, DEL INTENDS LET
RESOLUTION PASS WITHOUT ABSTAINING OR OPPOSING.

6. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES
IS THE ORGAN OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHARGED,
INTER ALIA WITH PROMOTING GENERAL AND CONSISTENT
POLICIES TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY THE EXPORT TRADE OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-
MANUFACTURED ARTICLES,

1. CONSIDERS THAT SUCH COOPERATION COULD TAKE THE
FORM, INTER ALIA, OF INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION ARRANGE-
MENTS AIMING PARTICULARLY AT PROMOTING IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES THE PRODUCTION AND TRADE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF
MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, INCLUDING THOSE
INVOLVING THE USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR
PRODUCTION;

2. DECIDES TO REQUEST THE SEC-GEN OF UNCTAD TO UNDER-
TAKE A STUDY RELATING TO THE FORMULATION AND OPERATION
OF APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION REFERRED
TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, INCLUDING POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROGRESS OF WORK
OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS REFERRED TO IN BOARD RESOLUTION
128 (S-VI);

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THIS STUDY SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN
ALL ITS PHASES, BEARING IN MIND ARTICLE 29A OF
RESOLUTION 2152 (XXI) OF THE GA, AND REQUESTS THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CONSULT WITH THE
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APPROPRIATE CO-OPERATIVE AND CO-ORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO TRANSMIT
TO GOVERNMENTS THE STUDY REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 2
AND 3 ABOVE, IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ITS CONCLUSIONS
TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE FORA AND TO THE
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL
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